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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA
SUBJECT: Quarterly Operational Report

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 12 April 1968,
Subject: Monthly and Quarterly
Program Progress Reports [REDACTED]

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Attached is the Quarterly Operational Summary
and Status Report for the period 1 October 1968 to
31 December 1968. [REDACTED]

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OPERATIONAL SUMMARY AND STATUS

(1 October - 31 December 1968)

I. Operational Mission Summary:

a. On 1 October 1968, the stand-down on operational missions, imposed by the U.S. was lifted to the extent that approval was granted to conduct ELINT and photo reconnaissance missions peripherally a minimum of 20 nautical miles offshore.

b. Six Agency U-2 missions were flown during the second quarter of FY 69. Nine other missions were alerted, however, four were cancelled due to weather, four for lack

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first operational mission. This mission was designed to obtain "H" Camera photo coverage from approximately 60 NM east of Hong Kong along the coast of China to a point southeast of Shanghai. Pilot reported contrails in the vicinity of Lung-Tien and Nan Jin-Tao Airfields. Over all photo analysis was considered good with 20% cloud cover.

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3. Mission C178C was a round robin mission []

[] This was an "H" Camera mission planned off the east coast of Hainan Island and then northeast, parallel to the China Coast, to a point off Swatow. Over all photo quality was fair with 10% cloud cover. Pilot reported no unusual sightings.

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4. Mission C198C was flown on 7 November []

[] This "H" Camera mission was programmed to obtain photographs of coastal targets from the Port Arthur area, along the Shantung Peninsula, south along the China mainland to a point northeast of Matsu Island. Pilot reported two

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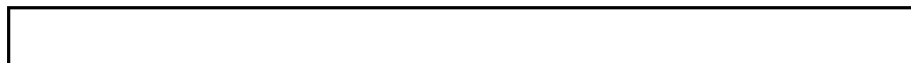
heavy contrails in the vicinity of Lu Chiao Airfield,
however, no known intercepts were attempted. Pilot and

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activity. Photo quality was fair with 20% cloud cover.

5. Mission C228C was flown on 14 November from



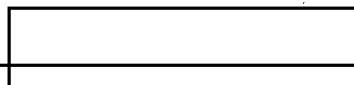
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mission was designed to collect ELINT along the south-
east coast of China from the northeast tip of Hainan
Island to a point 35 NM northeast of Hai Tan Island.
Pilot reported no unusual activity.

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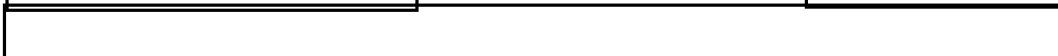
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6. Mission C278C was a round robin mission flown

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on 19 December 1968.



mission. The route was planned to obtain photographic
coverage of coastal targets from the Shanghai area, south

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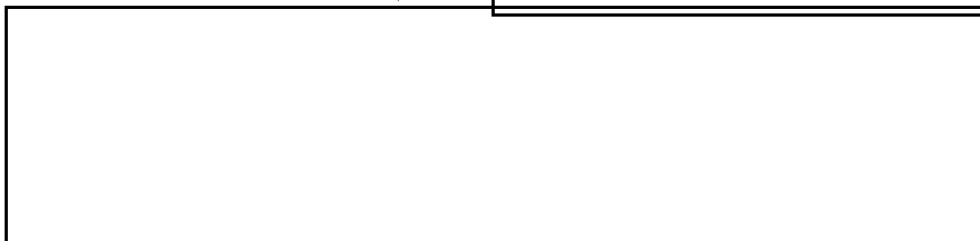
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along the China mainland



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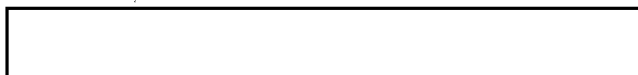


signals. No unusual sightings were reported by the pilot.

II. General:

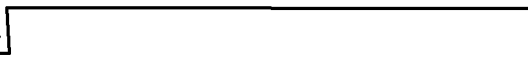
a. SCOPE SAINT:

Detachment "G" deployed Article 348 (U-2G) to

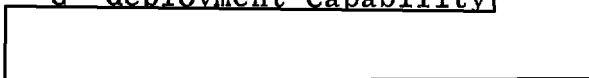


on 9 October 1968.

This operation was designed to exercise the Detachment "G" deployment capability

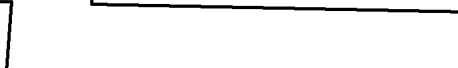


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A typical training

mission profile was flown from



and redeployment accomplished 16 October. A total of 30.0 hours was flown on the exercise and it was considered highly successful by all parties concerned.

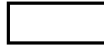
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d. RED DOT:

Six RED DOT missions were accomplished using various cameras and film combinations in the U-2Rs and U-2Gs.

e. ADF Checks:

Four low flights to check interface compatability between the ADF and other systems were completed.

f. Special Flights:

Three high altitude photographic missions were flown in conjunction with 

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g. Miscellaneous Tests:



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interface tests were flown during this period.

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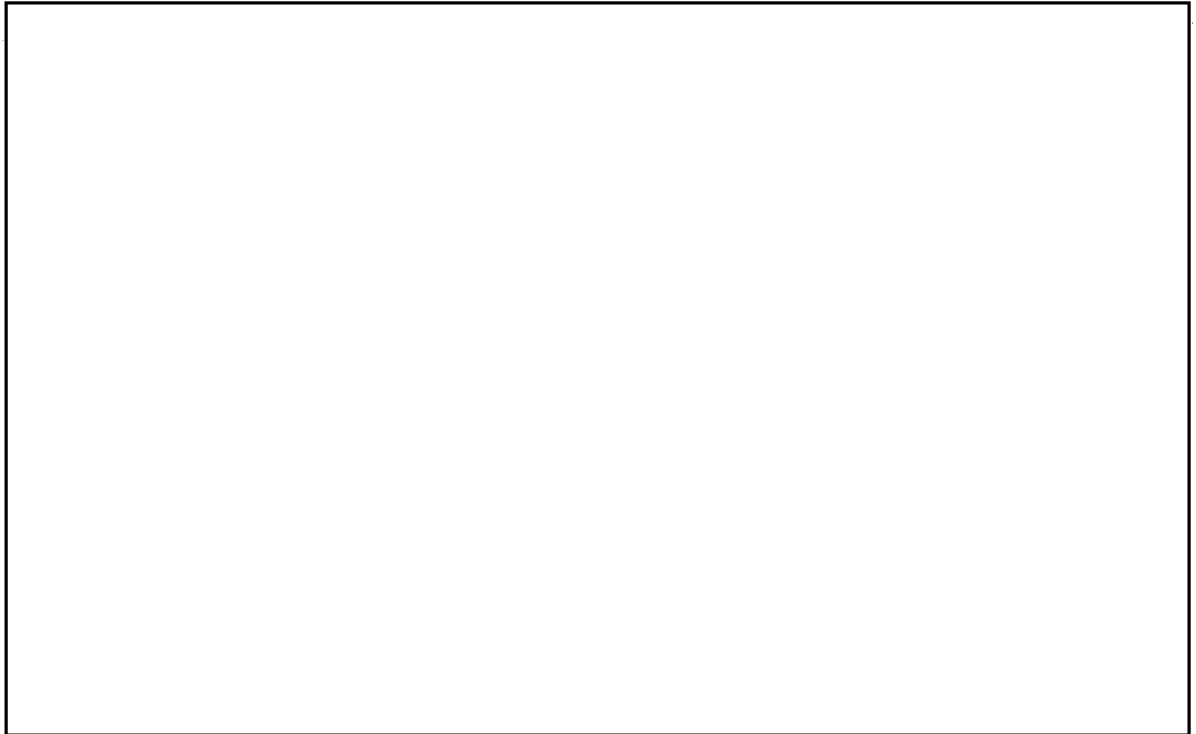
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k. U-2R:

053 - Returned to LAC for MOD program 3 October 1968.

Returned to  and accepted on 6 December. 25X1A

052 - Returned to LAC for MOD program 23 October.

056 - Transferred to SAC on 3 October.

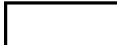
060 - Accepted on 18 October, transferred to SAC
30 October.

055 - Accepted on 28 October.

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061 - Accepted 8 November, transferred to SAC on
22 November.

054 - Accepted on 22 November. Returned to LAC
for  on 12 December.

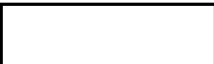
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1. Aircraft Incidents:

(1) On 13 November 1968, aircraft 057 piloted by
 ground looped. During landing left
wing tip contacted runway and began a left skid. Air-
craft departed the runway and came to a stop approximately
100 feet from the runway in soft sand. Aircraft
apparently came through the landing without damage and
was placed in PE on 14 November. Returned to OR status
5 December 1968. Incident investigation was conducted
 and report received this Headquarters on
1 December 1968.

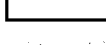
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(2) On 18 December 1968, the canopy on aircraft
053 became unlatched between 12,000 and 15,000 feet.
Visual check of the aircraft revealed canopy was still
attached to the aircraft.  landing was
accomplished with aircraft performing a slow ground

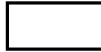
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loop after left wing  Subsequent investigation revealed a faulty fuel transfer valve that was continuously transferring fuel without being engaged.

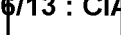
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 initiated procedures to prevent canopy becoming disengaged in the future.

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